

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A safety cage for a ladder
Comprising a series of safety cage sections spaced in the length of the ladder and cooperating with the ladder to provide a protected "U";
and wherein each section is vertically split with one cage component on one side of said vertical split and a second cage component on the opposite side of said vertical split, each cage component including a releasable mechanical securement with the other respective cage component at said vertical split to secure said components to one another at said vertical split, and
each component including a releasable mechanical securement at a free edge of the component for attachment to a ladder.
2. A safety cage for a ladder as claimed in claim 1 wherein each cage component is supported by a rung of said ladder.
3. A safety cage as claimed in claim 2 wherein each cage component at said free edge includes a hook for initial placement over a ladder rung for temporary hanging of said components.
4. A safety cage as claimed in claim 3 wherein said cage components are of the same shape and interchangeable.
5. A safety cage as claimed in claim 4 wherein each component at said free edge includes two hook connectors facing downwardly and one hook connector facing upwardly.

6. A safety cage as claimed in claim 5 wherein each hook connector includes a vertically extending "U" shaped channel sized to straddle a vertical support of said ladder.
7. A safety cage as claimed in claim 6 wherein each hook connector includes a captured mechanical fastener for effecting securement of said connector to said ladder.
8. A safety cage as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a ladder, said ladder comprising two upright members connected by a series of ladder rungs, each upright member comprising a "U" shaped cross section facing outwardly with said rungs intersecting with a base of each "U" shaped cross section.
9. A safety cage in combination with a ladder as claimed in claim 8 wherein each ladder upright member has a series of holes in said base of said "U" shaped section with said series of holes being spaced in the length of said ladder.
10. A safety cage in combination with a ladder as claimed in claim 9 wherein each ladder upright member has inwardly extending flanges either side of said "U" shaped cross section forming a restricted connecting structure in each ladder upright member.